

A PRISON FOR DE LESSEPS.

SEVERE SENTENCES IN THE PANAMA CASES.

FERDINAND AND CHARLES DE LESSEPS CON-

DEMNED TO FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

—FONTANE, COTTU AND EIFFEL

GET TWO YEARS EACH—FINES

ALSO IMPOSED.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The following sentences in the

Panama cases were delivered to-day in the Court

of Appeals by President Judge Perivier:

Ferdinand de Lesseps, five years' imprisonment

and 3,000 francs fine.

Charles de Lesseps, five years' imprisonment and

3,000 francs fine.

Marie Fontane, two years' imprisonment and

2,000 francs fine.

Henri Cottu, two years' imprisonment and 3,000

francs fine.

Gustave Eiffel, two years' imprisonment and

2,000 francs fine.

The sentences passed upon M. de Lesseps and his

associates may not prove to be final, for they can be

carried on appeal to a higher court. M. Eiffel has al-

ready instructed his lawyer to take this course; but

his case is not so complicated as that of the other

convicted persons. He was indicted upon only one

count, that of swindling and false pretences, while his

companions are accused, besides, of corrupting public

officials and legislators. They will soon be brought

into the Court of Appeals; and in the hope of placating

the jury they may wish to appear as according to their

present sentence as equitable punishment for their

deeds. This, perhaps, would be a good move on their

part, especially when it is considered that the ex-

oneration of Messrs. Rouvier, Thvenot, Grevy and

Renault by the Chamber of Deputies has so terri-

bly excited public opinion in France.

Sentiments of pity might have mitigated that

indictment of M. de Lesseps, the once "great

Frenchman," were he dragged to jail between two

gendarmes. But many believe that the sentence

against him is purely platonic and will never be exe-

cuted. Most likely he will not even know it. He is

eighty-eight years old, nearly in a condition of second

childhood and is also quite ill. When his son Charles

was arrested the fact was concealed from the father,

who asked why his eldest son had not come, as usual,

to the office of the Chamber on last New Year's Day.

He was told that Charles was travelling. He quietly

accepted the excuse, and relaxed into his slumbering

mood, from which he did not awake, probably, to make

further inquiries. The defence of the accused men

was ably presented by their lawyers, who are reported

by the Paris papers as having been paid handsomely,

at least according to the usages of the French bar.

They received 30,000 francs each, with the exception

of M. Wainwright-Rousseau, the lawyer of M. Eiffel, who

is said to have received 100,000 francs, or \$20,000.

Vicente Ferdinand de Lesseps, distinguished as a

diplomatist and engineer, was born at Versailles on

November 19, 1805. For about twenty years after

1828 he served in the French consular service. His

fame rests chiefly upon his Canal scheme, which he

originated in 1854. He began work on the canal

in 1856 and completed it in 1881. Since then he

has received his decorations, has been made a mem-

ber of the Legion of Honor and a free member of the

Paris Academy of Sciences. He has been president

of the French geographical society, and for many

years he was engaged in the Panama Canal work, but

after the expenditure of 600,000,000 francs the work

was practically abandoned, and the present scandals

followed. M. Charles de Lesseps, his son, was a

director in the Panama Canal Company, and knew of

the illegal disbursement of its funds. M. Marius

Fontane, secretary-general of the Panama Canal Com-

pany, is a native of Southern France. He went to

Paris, where he furnished miscellaneous articles to

newspapers, especially to "La Patrie." He became

the private secretary of Ferdinand de Lesseps and

secretary of the Suez Canal Company. He also held

later the same office in the Panama Company, and

was in charge in the beginning of the enterprise of

all connections with the French press. He has writ-

ten several books, including a valuable history of

Ancient Greece.

M. Henri Cottu, a member of the banking firm

of Reinach, Kohn & Co., is often, but wrongly, called

in dispatches from France Baron Cottu, but the family

of the real Baron Cottu, who was at one time Prefect

of the Department of Seine-et-Oise, has protected

him in the papers against that appellation. M. Cottu

was a private banker in the provinces when he joined

the Panama Company as one of its directors. He is

the dandy of the Administration Board, and one of

the youngest. He posed as a gentleman farmer and

horse breeder. On his farm at Azy-le-Rivier he

bred imported Hungarian horses, and he expected

to leave his competitors, who imported American

horses and mares. M. Cottu passed through New-

York about 1868, when he was expected to be

the first to raise in Europe a loan of \$25,000,000 for

the Panama Canal. He failed, however, and in 1871

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